

U.S. modifies response to raid

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan's administration sharpened its response to Israel's bombing of a PLO facility in Tunisia Wednesday, calling it understandable but deplorable and contrary to U.S. objectives of seeking a peaceful Middle East. "While the resort to violence is deplorable, it is useful to recall the antecedents," White House spokesman Larry Speakes told reporters, contending that the PLO had been "infiltrating into Israel" and mounting attacks. "The air strike against this background is understandable as an expression of self-defence," Speakes said. "Our distress is especially acute, however, since one act of violence touches off another and a pattern of escalation is established. Such acts of violence are contrary to our overall objective of a peaceful, stable Middle East and cannot be condoned."

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Reagan: Jordan needs arms

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan said on Wednesday a proposed U.S. sale of arms worth between \$1.5 billion and \$1.9 billion to Jordan was desperately needed. Mr. Reagan's remark was reported by Republican Representative Boh Michel of Illinois after the president conferred with Republican congressional leaders. Mr. Reagan, who announced last week he was going ahead with the arms deal despite strong congressional opposition, conferred with King Hussein at the White House on Monday. "He referred to the arms sale, characterising it as 'desperately needed,'" Mr. Michel told reporters.

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Medical team leaves for Sudan

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Jordanian medical team led by Dr. Anwar Bilheisi left for Khartoum on Wednesday on a visit expected to last several days. Dr. Bilheisi and the team will try to assess Sudan's needs for medical needs and supplies to care for drought and famine victims now being housed in refugee camps in Sudan. The visit comes as part of Jordan's efforts to help drought and famine victims in Sudan. A national campaign is under way to collect contributions for the Sudanese following an appeal by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan who visited Sudan and inspected refugee camps last month.

3 SLA men killed in attack

TEL AVIV (R) — Three militiamen of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) were killed Tuesday in a commando attack on their base five kilometres from the Israeli border, military sources said. They said the commandos, who were not identified, attacked an SLA outpost at Tallah with rocket propelled grenades and light arms fire.

Rock Hudson dies

LOS ANGELES (R) — Film star Rock Hudson, 59, who stunned the world last summer by revealing he had the dreaded AIDS disease, died on Wednesday in his sleep at his Beverly Hills home, his publicist said. Hudson, who had earlier travelled to France in a futile search for a cure for AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome), left a Los Angeles hospital on Aug. 24 after doctors said they could do no more for him. "The only thing I know is that Mr. Hudson died peacefully in his sleep at 9 a.m. at his home in Beverly Hills," publicist Dale Olson told Reuters.

Shamir wants talks with Jordan

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir appealed to Jordan on Wednesday to enter into direct negotiations with Israel aimed at achieving a peace treaty between them. Referring to Jordan's declared willingness to hold talks in an international conference including the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, Mr. Shamir contended that was "a means of evading direct negotiations." In an address to the U.N. General Assembly, he said: "Our aim should be the achievement of a bilaterally negotiated peace treaty between our two countries."

Jawara, Iraqi envoy discuss Gulf war

BANJUL (R) — Gambian President and Islamic peace committee chairman Dawda Jawara on Wednesday discussed the Gulf war with a senior Iraqi envoy here, government sources said. Mohammad Ali Hajji Hamadi, Iraq's director-general for legal affairs, held one hour of talks with Mr. Jawara but both men declined to discuss their meeting.

Security Council begins debate on Israeli raid

Tunisia, Kuwait denounce 'state terrorism'; Anti-U.S. protest continues in Tunis

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer with agency dispatches

UNITED NATIONS — The Security Council began a debate on Wednesday's Israel's air attack on Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) buildings in Tunis amid angry anti-American protests in the Tunisian capital.

Rescue work continued at the site of the Israeli raid, which killed at least 60 people and wounded 100 including Tunisian civilians, and reports said a mass funeral was expected to be held Thursday. PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat would attend the funeral, the reports said.

Addressing a special meeting of the council requested by Tunisia, Foreign Minister Beji Caid Essad asked the members to "condemn forcefully both the deliberate act of aggression and its perpetrators, and to demand from them just and full scale reparation for the hardship caused."

He also called on the council "to reaffirm its determination to prevent further such acts of terrorism committed by a member state of the United Nations."

Mr. Essad said the Israeli attacks were an act of aggression against the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Tunisia and a violation of international law and of the principles enshrined in the U.N. Charter.

He said the Israeli action was designed to jeopardise efforts to reach a peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

"No one could fail to recognise the hospitality offered by Tunisia to the Palestinian leadership as part of these efforts," he said.

The Tunisian foreign minister appeared to criticise a White House statement that saw some justification in the Israeli attack.

"Any attempt at justifying it, any indulgence shown to its perpetrators on whatever pretext can only be a way of encouraging aggression and setting the seal of approval on the aggressor," said Mr. Essad.

"In any case, my country has no alternative but to consider this as an unfriendly gesture from which it will draw the necessary conclusions."

The Kuwaiti foreign minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Jaber Al Sabah, speaking on behalf of the 21-nation Arab group here, also took issue with the White House for viewing what the Arabs regarded

as an act of "official state terrorism" as a legitimate response. Sheikh Sabah contrasted this with the American decision not to retaliate after the release of hostages who were seized by hijackers on a TWA flight last July.

"The United States said then that retaliation would be itself an act of terrorism," he said. "It seems that position has changed and the American administration is saying that as a matter of policy retaliation against terrorist attacks is a legitimate response, an expression of self-defence."

In what appeared to be an allusion to President Reagan's expressed hope for early Middle East peace talks following his meeting in Washington with King Hussein, Sheikh Sabah said: "Whenever Israel feels a pinch of pressure because of peace efforts it commits an act to blow it away."

President Ronald Reagan, in remarks to reporters on Tuesday, said nations had the right to retaliate against "terrorist" attacks "as long as they pick out the people responsible."

Asked if the Israeli raid met that test, Mr. Reagan replied, "I always had great faith in their intelligence."

However, Secretary of State George P. Shultz, who was in New York for the 40th session of the U.N. General Assembly, took a different view. Addressing foreign ministers of six Gulf countries on Tuesday, Mr. Shultz deplored the

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Wazir: PLO will pursue peace despite Israeli raid

By Lamis K. Andoni Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A senior Palestinian leader said on Wednesday that the Israeli raid on the PLO headquarters in Tunis will not affect the organisation's political efforts to achieve a settlement for the Palestinian problem but that the U.S. condoning of the raid made the organisation more insistent on its demands for an international peace conference and on playing its full role in the quest for peace.

Deputy commander of the PLO forces, Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad), said that despite the attack the PLO "will continue its political moves in the international arena because we believe in the justice of our cause and we are committed to achieving it just peace for our people."

The PLO official, however, lashed out at the U.S. and accused it of "opposing peace by condoning the Israeli operation which was intended to kill PLO leaders."

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Khaddam, Shaaban meet after six-hour truce in Tripoli

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam had talks here on Wednesday with Sheikh Saeed Shaaban, leader of the Muslim fundamentalist Tawheed militia battling pro-Syrian groups for control of the Lebanese city of Tripoli.

A presidential spokesman said Sheikh Shaaban was accompanied by other Lebanese fundamentalist Muslim leaders, including Hussein Musawi, head of the Baath-based Islamic Amal movement.

He gave no details of the talks, which follow two weeks of heavy fighting in Tripoli, Lebanon's second city.

Four pro-Syrian leftist militias last Saturday launched a big drive against Sheikh Shaaban's "Islamic Unification Movement" (Tawheed), which has rejected proposals for Lebanese and Syrian troops to enter the city and disarm its rival militias.

Iran, a close ally of Syria, has expressed concern over the attack on the pro-Iranian Tawheed and Tehran Radio said on Wednesday President Ali Khamenei had a 50-minute telephone conversation with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad on the matter.

Iranian Foreign Ministry official Hossein Sheikholeslam went to Damascus last week and told reporters on his return that Sheikh Shaaban had agreed to go to Damascus.

But he said Saturday's fighting had prevented an Iranian embassy delegation entering Tripoli to escort him out.

Beirut Radio said a visiting Iranian delegation arranged a six-hour ceasefire overnight in Tripoli, entered the beleaguered city and brought out Sheikh Shaaban.

The fighting faded into sporadic sniping and rocket-propelled grenade attacks at the city's main three entrances as the peace-making moves got under way.



Earth-moving equipment and rescue teams at work at the rubble of the headquarters of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in Tunis which was hit in an Israeli air raid on Tuesday (Photo from JTV)

Abducted Soviet diplomat found shot dead in Beirut

Alleged captors issue new threats

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Kidnappers on Wednesday shot dead a Soviet hostage and threatened to kill three others and blow up the Soviet embassy in Beirut unless their demand for an end to fighting in the northern city of Tripoli was met.

Police said they found the body of one of the missing Soviet embassy officials at 8:15 a.m. (0515 GMT), dumped on wasteland in near the sports stadium in Beirut with a single bullet wound through the upper left cheek.

A Soviet source told Reuters the dead man was 32-year-old consular secretary Arkady Katkov. He said Mr. Katkov was married and had one child.

A second body was later found in the Tarik Jaddi district of west Beirut after a similar call to a radio station that another Soviet captive had been slain.

But police said the body was that of a Lebanese construction worker who had fallen to his death on a site in Tarik Jaddi. The body had lain unnoticed because no one was working on the site during the strike in west Beirut Wednesday.

Shortly before noon (0900 GMT), an anonymous caller told an international news agency: "We have carried out God's sentence on the first hostage and we will execute the others one after the other, if our demands for stopping all atheistic campaigns against Islamic Tripoli are not met."

The caller said he was speaking

Moscow demands captives' release

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet government on Wednesday demanded the immediate and unconditional release of three Soviet officials taken hostage in Beirut two days ago and said any delay would aggravate the guilt of the kidnappers.

A government statement, read out on the main evening news programme, said: "Prostitution in this matter. Let alone violence against the Soviet citizens, will further aggravate the guilt of all those who have anything to do with this matter."

Mr. Katkov was seized by gunmen in west Beirut Monday with the embassy's commercial attaché, Valery Mirnikov, Press Attaché Oleg Spirin and embassy doctor Nikolai Sversky.

The second caller telephoned the Associated Press bureau in Beirut and threatened to blow up the Soviet embassy within 48 hours.

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3 Palestinians arrive in Jordan after expulsion from W.Bank

AMMAN (J.T.) — Three Palestinians deported from their homeland by the Israeli occupation authorities arrived in the East Bank on Wednesday, the Palestinian news agency W.A.F.A. reported.

The expulsion of the three, identified by W.A.F.A. as Amin Ramzi Darwish Maqbool from Nabulus, Walid Ahmad Mahmoud Nazzari from Jenin and Bahjat Mustafa Jausry from Tulkarem, was the latest in a series of Israeli measures adopted in August. The new measures also include "administrative detention" and house arrests, in addition to deportation without raising specific charges.

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli spokesman said the three deported on Wednesday had appealed to the Israeli high court which rejected their plea.

The three, accused of belonging to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and of carrying out "subversion," crossed the King Hussein Bridge before dawn.

The Israeli high court, after postponing their expulsion on Sunday, rejected an appeal on Tuesday submitted by their lawyer, Felicia Janger.

Their expulsion brought to 21 the number of Palestinians deported from the West Bank in the past three weeks. Last month Israel expelled 18 Palestinians released from prison in May in exchange for three Israeli soldiers captured in Lebanon.

In another development, an Israeli military court has passed a ruling which ordered the deportation of 11 Palestinians for six months. The detention order, which is renewable every six months, is part of the "administrative detention" procedures under which Pal-

estinians could be detained, jailed or deported without any specific charge.

Reports from the occupied West Bank said on Wednesday that the Israeli occupation authorities have started demolishing Palestinian homes in the West Bank camp. The reports said that Israeli bulldozers on Sunday started razing down homes in the centre and outskirts of the camp. Reports confirmed that Block K in the camp, built on a land owned by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), faces complete destruction.

The Israeli occupation authorities have set up alternate campsites to force the West Bank camp's inhabitants to occupy them in accordance with Israeli plans aiming at splitting Palestinian camps in the occupied Arab territories, reports said.

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King calls on American lawmakers to approve arms sales to Jordan

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein called on U.S. congressmen Tuesday to approve President Ronald Reagan's proposal to sell arms to Jordan. Talking to reporters after a meeting with congressmen, King Hussein also reiterated Jordan's strong condemnation of Tuesday's Israeli air raid on buildings of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in Tunis.

The King reassured Congress he is committed to peace talks with Israel but held his position on demanding an international "umbrella" for the talks, congressmen and senators said.

While many said the King was impressed during three hours of closed-door meetings in Capitol Hill, they said it was unlikely he had convinced the strong opponents of the proposed new arms sale to Jordan to change their minds.

Congressional sources told Reuters that despite King Hussein's visit a formal resolution to disapprove the sale would be filed soon in the Democrat-led House of Representatives, triggering what could be a bloody political battle over the next 50 days.

While some sources predict President Reagan may eventually prevent Congress from vetoing the sale, they say the tougher struggle may be to get Congress to give Jordan the billion or more dollars in U.S. aid or loans it would need to make the purchase.

Senate majority leader Robert Dole, who with Mr. Reagan has urged colleagues not to reject the arms sale out of hand, said "it is not at all clear yet what final decision Congress will make."

The Kansas Republican said the talks with King Hussein "gave us some new hope about prospects for direct Jordan-Israel negotiations."

But Representative Stephen Solarz, a senior member of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, said he found King Hussein "inflexible" on the issue of an international conference that would bring the Soviet Union into the Middle East peace process for the first time.

The United States and Israel have rejected such conference.

"If there really is no room for flexibility... I fear it may mean the peace process has come to a halt before it never got off the ground," the New York Democrat from Brooklyn told Reuters.

Mr. Reagan last week proposed selling up to \$1.9 billion worth of jet fighters and anti-aircraft missiles to Jordan despite the strong signs that Congress would try and block the deal if Jordan did not take direct steps to talk with Israel.

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Queen Zein to patronise YWCA flower show today

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in Jordan today opens its 12th annual International Flower Show at the Jordan International Hotel in Amman under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Zein, the Queen Mother.

Nearly 60 local participants taking part in the two-day show will display different arrangements of flowers, according to YWCA President Mrs. Sabwa Shehata.

Mrs. Shehata said the most prominent figure at this year's show is renowned Japanese flower arranger, Professor Shugetsu Minami, who is in Amman upon an invitation from the Japanese Embassy. Prof. Shugetsu will be demonstrating his art during the YWCA show which ends on Friday evening, she said.

According to Mrs. Shehata, a JD 5 fee to be collected from visitors to the show will benefit YWCA's charitable programmes, especially those being carried out in Palestinian refugee camps in both banks of Jordan. Proceeds will also help to finance the education of nearly 23 Jordanian students at universities and higher educational institutions here and abroad, she added.

Cabinet endorses AFSED loan for agricultural project

AMMAN (Petra) — The cabinet Wednesday endorsed a loan to Jordan from the Arab Fund for Social and Economic Development (AFSED) which will be used to help finance a project to develop the lower basin of the Zarqa River. The project, undertaken by the Ministry of Agriculture, includes schemes to reduce soil erosion and to improve soil quality. Also included in the project are fruit-tree planting programmes and field trials to develop forests and pasture lands. The project will also improve the condition of agricultural road networks in the rain-fed region.

Under the agreement, AFSED

will extend a loan of five million Kuwaiti dinars to the Jordanian government to cover part of the cost of the project, estimated to cost JD 42 million. The cabinet authorised Jordan's ambassador to Kuwait to sign the agreement on behalf of the Jordanian government.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture said that nearly 820,000 dunums of land will come under the project which is expected to be completed in eight years. The spokesman said that the government will seek loans from other Arab and international institutions to raise sufficient funds for the project.

CAEU opens talks on budget

AMMAN (Petra) — A committee representing seven Arab states Wednesday started a meeting here to discuss the budget for the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) and its operations in the coming year.

CAEU Acting Secretary General Mohammed Al Sharif pointed out the important tasks of the organisation and the need for allocations which he said are required for various research studies. Taking part in the three-day

meeting are representatives of Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Sudan, Syria, Palestine, Libya and North Yemen.

On Tuesday evening the CAEU hosted a meeting between the Arab Organisation for Industrial Development and the CAEU's general secretariat. The meeting discussed cooperation between the two sides and coordination in matters connected with industrial integration among Arab countries.

King's speech receives more popular support

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Court announced Wednesday that it has received more cables of support for His Majesty King Hussein's address to the United Nations General Assembly last Friday.

The cables voiced total confidence in the King's wise policies and pride in his endeavours to find a just and comprehensive settlement for the Palestine problem, the Royal Court said.

Among those sending cables of support were representatives of the Wihdat refugee camp in Amman, the Zarqa Chamber of Commerce, refugee camps around Zarqa, the National Federation of Jordanian Women and the district governor of Tafleh in southern Jordan.

Cement factories' committee elects chairman

AMMAN (Petra) — A committee formed by Minister of Industry and Trade Rajai Muesher to supervise procedures for the merger of the South Cement Company and the Jordan Cement Factories Company Wednesday elected Dr. Abdul Majid Qasem as chairman and Mr. Munther Al Fahum as vice chairman.

After the election, the committee held its first working session to review legal steps and measures to be taken in the process of restructuring the new company in order to ensure the continuation of normal production. The two factories are located at Rashadieh in southern Jordan and at Fuheis.

A committee spokesman said that several decisions were taken by committee members but gave no details.

The committee was charged with supervising the merger between the two companies.

Prince Hassan donates JD 5,000, bus to CPF

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Wednesday made a JD 5,000 donation to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation (CPF) in Jordan on the eve of its one-day campaign to collect contributions from the public to help finance its programmes. Prince Hassan also gave a mini-bus for the transportation of cerebral palsy victims.

Prince Hassan made the donation during a meeting in his office with a CPF delegation accompanied by several handicapped children and attended by Her Highness Princess Sarvath.

At the meeting Prince Hassan stressed the importance of sup-

porting the role of the CPF and its programmes, and he added that he has issued instructions to the concerned authorities to give due attention to handicapped and retarded children. The Regent also voiced appreciation for the CPF's efforts and wished their campaign success.

Nearly 600 student volunteers from the University of Jordan, Yarmouk University and community colleges will be approaching the public Thursday for contributions and donations for the foundation, a voluntary organisation which extends a helping hand to the victims of cerebral palsy in Jordan.

Preparations start for first conference on municipalities

AMMAN (Petra) — A committee charged with preparing for the first Jordanian conference on municipalities Wednesday announced that the conference will be held in Aqaba and that Arab and Islamic organisations concerned with municipal and local council affairs will be invited to attend.

The committee also said that representatives from Jordanian universities and the Amman-based Arab Organisation for Administrative Sciences will be among the parties to be invited to attend the conference, the date for which has not yet been fixed.

The decision was taken during a committee meeting chaired by

Under Secretary of the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Awad Al Tal.

A committee statement said that working papers will be submitted to the conference and will be discussed in detail by participants with a view to arriving at solutions to problems confronting municipalities in Jordan. The working papers will tackle the role of local councils in protecting the environment, development projects initiated by these councils, the role of the Cities and Villages Development Bank in promoting local councils' programmes and projects and the financial revenues of municipal councils.

Hamzeh visits Al Hariri centre

AMMAN (Petra) — Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh Tuesday paid an inspection visit to the Nazek Al Hariri centre for special education and toured its various sections and was briefed on the services it offers to the mentally handicapped. The minister met with staff in charge of rehabilitation programmes and expressed his deep satisfaction for their work and activities.

The centre was built through funds donated by Mrs. Nazek Al Hariri.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Regent condoles Tabbalat family

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Wednesday paid a visit to the residence of Mr. Abdul Fattah Tabbalat to extend condolences on the passing away of Mr. Tabbalat's mother.

Military exercises conclude

AMMAN (Petra) — Military exercises which have been in progress for the past few days were attended by visiting delegations from a number of Arab and friendly nations, according to a statement issued here Wednesday. The statement said that the exercises, which were attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, lasted until midday Wednesday under the supervision of Army Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Fathi Abu Taleb and senior army commanders.

IDB team meets planning officials

AMMAN (Petra) — A visiting Islamic Development Bank (IDB) delegation held a series of meetings with Ministry of Planning officials on the possibility of IDB contributions to new development projects in Jordan. The delegation was briefed on major projects contained in the new five-year development plan and visited a number of development projects in Jordan to which the IDB has contributed.

Shaka'a chairs talks on civil status court

AMMAN (Petra) — The establishment of a special peace court to deal with civil status cases was the topic of a meeting held Wednesday at the Ministry of Justice under the chairmanship of Minister of Justice Riyad Al Shaka'a. The court, to be based at the Civil Registration Department, is expected to start its work during this month.

Jordan to attend railway symposium

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will take part in the symposium of the Arab Railway Union to be held in Damascus, Syria on Oct. 18. The Jordanian delegation to the five-day meeting will be led by Aqaba Railway Corporation Director General Sahel Hamzeh.

WAJ organises seminar on contracts

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) will organise a seminar on the procurement of international projects and contract negotiations which will be held in Amman on Oct. 5. The seminar, to be held at the Yarmouk University Liaison Office, is being organised in cooperation with the International Law Institute in Washington. Engineers from government departments in Jordan are expected to attend the 21-day seminar to discuss matters connected with procuring materials for engineering projects.

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Jordan switches back to winter time on Friday

Ministry continues campaign to save energy

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — Jordan will switch over to winter time Friday as part of a national campaign aimed at saving energy. From Oct. 4, Jordan local time will be two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) instead of three hours in summer time.

Energy officials in Jordan said that the return to winter time is part of the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources long-term programme to rationalise energy consumption.

On April 1, when summer time came into effect, the sun set at 17:50 and thus lighting time was reduced from five to four hours which in turn reduced electricity consumption by 20 per cent. Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Hisham Al Khatib said in an earlier interview. Dr. Khatib said that, based on previous calculations, the country would save 44 Megawatts of electricity annually by adopting summer time.

The Ministry of Energy has recorded daily energy consumption rates and has analysed the results to assess the actual amount of energy saved. Results are due to be released on Thursday, a source at the ministry told the Jordan Times.

The ministry is conducting a study of energy consumption in large industries and it is in the process of introducing coal for generating electricity as part of efforts to rationalise energy consumption.

The move to follow summer time from April 1 to Oct. 4 this year was decided by the cabinet as part of efforts aimed at helping the national "save electricity" campaign.

The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, which launched the campaign last year, put out advertisements and used the mass media to advise residents in

Jordan about the change to summer time.

The decision to adopt summer time on April 1 which came after a break of seven years, was taken as part of government efforts to curb Jordan's rising bills for importing oil to generate power. A 20 per cent saving on power used for lighting in the domestic sector will have the equivalent impact on the country's fuel imports.

Flight rescheduling

Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, will reschedule its flight timings one hour behind for departures as well as arrivals from Friday, thereby maintaining its links with GMT.

The flight rescheduling aims at avoiding any disruption in travel schedules and flight connections for passengers flying Alia, or using the "Jueen Alia International Airport as a transit point."

Radio Jordan and Jordan Television will adjust their transmission timings to suit the new time and there will not be any effective changes in the transmission hours.

Rawabdeh announces JD 21m municipal budget for Amman

AMMAN (Petra) — Amman Municipality will have an estimated budget of JD 21 million for 1986, Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh announced here Wednesday.

Speaking at a meeting of the municipality's council, Mr. Rawabdeh said that JD 14.5 million will be allocated for projects in the capital, an increase of JD 4 million over 1985 allocations. He said that continuous efforts are being made on the part of the municipality to rationalise expenses

but with attention focusing on improving both the quality and quantity of services.

Mr. Rawabdeh also spoke about the municipality's plans for the coming year and said that two new departments will be established in 1986; one to deal with administrative development and the other to handle the collection of fees and other dues.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Rawabdeh's aides and directors of all the municipality's departments.

Excavators discover second century cemetery in Jerash

JERASH (Petra) — A second century A.D. cemetery has been discovered near the main entrance to the ancient Graeco-Roman city of Jerash near the main Amman-Jerash road.

The discovery was announced by Mrs. A'ideh Naghawi who is in charge of archaeological ex-

avations in Jerash. She said that the cemetery, located near the Arch of Triumph, comprised seven stone coffins containing the skeletons of women. A coffin containing the remains of a child and several earthenware pots used for storing cereals and wine as well as some glass-ware.

Alia employees raise funds for drought victims in Sudan

AMMAN (Petra) — Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, has started a campaign to collect donations and aid for drought victims in Sudan. The campaign, supervised by Alia Director General

Mahmoud Jamal Balqaz, is in implementation of the directives of His Majesty King Hussein and is in response to an appeal by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

Exhibition marks anniversary of Gandhi's birthday

By Kanika Al Dieris
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Indian Embassy in Amman Wednesday opened a five-day exhibition at the University of Jordan to celebrate the 116th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi.

The inauguration ceremony was presided over by University of Jordan President Abdul Salam Al Majali and was attended by officials from embassies in Amman and other guests.

The event began with Indian Ambassador Pyare Lal Santoshi and his wife leading guests past the displayed photographs and books depicting the life of Mahatma Gandhi. This was followed by a documentary film of original shots illustrating various events during the political life of the renowned champion of peace Mahatma Gandhi.

The photographs on display span the Mahatma's political career. Amongst the pictures were some showing the Indian leader with other prominent figures such as Rabindranath Tagore and Romain Rolland.

The original collection of photographs are the property of the Indian Ministry of Broadcasting and Information in New Delhi.

The occasion gives the people of India an opportunity to remind the world and themselves about the principles of 'Truth' and 'Ahimsa', non-violence, which were propagated by Mahatma Gandhi. As one of the quotes on display reads: "Ahimsa and Truth are so intertwined that it is practically impossible to disentangle and separate them. They are like the two sides of a coin, or rather a smooth unstamped metallic disc. Who can say, which is the obverse and which the reverse? Nevertheless, Ahimsa is the means. Truth is the end."

In the very near future the embassy plans to organise an exhibition on the life of the late Indian Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi. The exhibition will be called the 'Indira Priyadarshan' exhibition.

King urges U.S. Congress to approve arms sales

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the King to tea with about 75 house members, praised the King as "an important force for moderation and reason in this troubled region."

The Massachusetts Democrat said Washington looked to King Hussein for your wise counsel and your continued leadership.

While admitting Washington and Amman sometimes differ on

policy, Mr. O'Neill said "our ability to work out problems together has endured."

In condemning the Israeli raid on P.O. headquarters in Tunis, the King told reporters the raid "should receive not only my condemnation but hopefully that of many in the world."

It is an action taken against a free moderate Arab state, against people who were evicted from Lebanon," he said.

"What we need now is to be aware of the fact that violence breeds violence, that there are many who oppose peace and who would seek the destruction of this last chance to establish peace," he said.

King Hussein said he hoped that "future actions by responsible governments will not contribute to the further deterioration of the situation."

Soviet diplomat found shot dead in Beirut

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"After carrying out previous warnings to wipe out members of the Soviet diplomatic corps, and members of the KGB... these people have 48 hours in which to evacuate the compound," the caller said.

"Otherwise it shall be brought down on their heads in complete destruction. The time limit ends in 48 hours, that is, at 4 p.m. (1300 GMT) Friday. It will not be extended."

It was the second time kidnappers in west Beirut are known to have killed a foreign hostage in a wave of abductions since January 1984. The shadowy "Islamic Jihad" (holy war) group still holds captive six Americans and four Frenchmen.

The body of British teacher Denis Hill was discovered on May 28, a day after his kidnapping, close to where the Soviet official was found on Wednesday. Dutch Jesuit priest Nicholas Kluiters was also found dead in east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley in April, more than two weeks after he went missing.

The kidnappers said Tuesday they would kill one Soviet captive after 9.00 p.m. (1800 GMT) unless Moscow pressured Syria to end a bloody assault on Tawheed militias in Tripoli by its Lebanese militia allies.

There was no word on the fate of the three remaining Soviet officials several hours after the anonymous caller announced the execution of the first.

Wednesday's discovery of the Soviet's body came as Syria warned the kidnappers of "grave consequences" if any of the hostages are harmed, Lebanese government sources reported.

At the United Nations, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Shara'a said Tuesday that his government "will offer any assistance in our capacity" to help win the release of the Soviets and the 14 Westerners held hostage in Lebanon.

"We believe that those innocent people should be released," Mr. Shara'a told a news conference after addressing the 40th session of the U.N. General Assembly. The Tripoli siege has generated

public protests in west Beirut and the southern port city of Sidon. Both cities, like Tripoli, have a predominantly Sunni Muslim population.

Shops, banks, cafes and restaurants were closed in west Beirut and Sidon on Wednesday in a protest strike called by Sunni religious leaders to demonstrate solidarity with Tripoli's defenders.

Gummen believed to be allied with Tawheed staged a chain of hit-and-run grenade attacks in the last two days against Beirut offices of leftist militias fighting in Tripoli. No casualties were reported.

Syria is one of Moscow's closest allies in the Middle East and most of the weaponry it has deployed around Tripoli was supplied by the Soviet Union or its Eastern bloc allies.

Diplomats said Moscow and Damascus had been in close touch at the highest levels since the kidnappings. But they added the continued fighting indicated Syria's commitment to wrest control of Tripoli from Tawheed regardless of outside pressures.

Gorbachev in Paris

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The Soviet leader set the scene for the Paris trip with a long interview with French television Wednesday night, in which he accused Washington of leaking the latest Soviet arms proposals.

"It would be too great a luxury for the leaders of such countries as the Soviet Union and the United States of America, in the present-day situation with the peoples of the world expecting concrete, constructive steps... to go to Geneva just to exchange a handshake, to look at each other and to smile pleasantly in front of TV cameras," Mr. Gorbachev said.

In his first television interview, Mr. Gorbachev declined to discuss in detail the Soviet proposals at the Geneva arms talks but indicated that halting the U.S. "Star Wars" programmes remains a top priority.

Iraq says attack repulsed

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Baghdad said Wednesday American oil companies have begun making significant purchases of Iraqi crude oil as of the second quarter of this year.

Spokesman James Bullock said Iraqi crude oil exports to America firms totalled 75 million barrels for the April-to-June period. He did not name the companies involved in the liftings.

He said there had been some earlier purchases by American companies, but indicated they were at a much lower rate. He said he had no statistics for this period.

Diplomatic relations between Iraq and the United States were restored in November 1984 after a 17-year disruption.

In Vienna meanwhile Iran and Iraq clashed over an Iraqi demand for a bigger share of OPEC oil production.

The conflict was expected to lessen the chances for success of a meeting Thursday (See page 7) of all 13 members of the Org-

anisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Starting with two preparatory meetings of key oil ministers on Wednesday, OPEC was trying to settle the demands of four nations for larger pieces of OPEC's shrinking share of the world oil market.

Besides Iraq, requests for higher sales are expected from Ecuador, Gabon and Jatar.

Iraqi Oil Minister Jassem Taqi said he would demand that his country be granted a production quota of two million barrels a day, compared with its current OPEC-decreed limit of 1.2 million. Mr. Taqi said Iraq has begun shipping oil through a new pipeline across Saudi Arabia.

As Mr. Taqi made his comments to reporters, Iranian Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi was sitting across the conference table telling another group of reporters that his government would never agree to an increase in Iraqi oil production.

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Central Africa tackles elephant slaughter

The drought has attracted nomads into the Central African Republic, bringing ivory poaching and cattle disease. A recent aerial survey found nearly twice as many corpses as live elephants. However, after his personal helicopter was attacked by poachers, President Kolingba has ordered the crack presidential guard into the parks. Dr. Iain Douglas-Hamilton is a Kenya-based conservationist, and a leading expert on African elephants.

By Dr. Iain Douglas-Hamilton

BANGUI, Central African Republic — After his personal helicopter was shot at by ivory poachers, the Central African Republic's head of state, General Andre Kolingba, ordered his elite, French-trained presidential guard into the national parks.

The aerial census I and Gustave Doungoube have just carried out reveals the scale of the decline in elephants and rhinos which started under the late Emperor Bokassa. The Central African Rep-

ublic (CAR) has probably lost three-quarters of its elephants in the last three to four years. The black rhino is now virtually extinct here.

Under Bokassa, poaching was controlled by the emperor himself, with guns handed out to villagers in return for ivory. The tusks were exported to France by La Couronne, a company in which Bokassa had a major share.

Today, horsemen from drought-stricken Chad and Sudan have moved into the parks, armed with spears and Kalashnikov au-

omatic rifles. Wildlife, the main source of protein for the CAR's people and the main national economic asset, has been grossly over-exploited.

The slaughter of the CAR's elephants is part of an endgame in one of the last great strongholds of wild Africa. This vast region of savannah and open forest covers an area the size of Western Europe: Over 2.5 million sq km (1 million sq miles) in Chad, western and southern Sudan, the Central African Republic and northern Zaire.

The national parks of Bamingui-Bangoran and Manovo-Gounda, lie along the CAR's border with Chad, in the remote north of the country, 500 km (300 miles) from the capital Bangui.

It is an extraordinarily beautiful region: Dry Sahelian grassland along the northern border grades into thorn scrub and then thick Guinean forest in the south, dissected by tumbling crystal-clear waterfalls and lazy, winding, brown rivers. Grey granite kopjes (small hills) rise out of the plains, sculpted by centuries of wind and rain.

Already visited by very wealthy tourists — French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing used to go to Central Africa on safari in Emperor Bokassa's time — the area has great tourist potential.

The parks have in the past been largely devoid of people, but the Sahel's lethal combination of drought and political turmoil, combined with the soaring price of ivory, have changed all that. Until his overthrow in a French-inspired coup in 1979, the notorious Emperor Bokassa ravaged the country for ivory, but the trade was on the whole limited to the inhabited southeast.

So in spite of Bokassa, the national parks remained relatively unscathed until the late 1970s. Then, the increasing grip of the Sahelian drought, especially in Chad and western Sudan, sent nomadic herds south in search of pasture. The big wild grazing animals, notably buffalo and giant eland, appear to have declined by four-fifths, largely as a result of rinderpest, introduced with the nomads' cattle from Chad in 1983.

Today, two tribes of nomads are in the parks, with tens of thousands of livestock; we saw one herd of at least 4,000 animals. The Bororo people come from Chad, the men on horseback driving herds of black, tan or white longhorned cattle in front of them; the women riding behind on pack-cows. Desperate for grazing, they now range over much of the eastern Sahel, as they probably have in past centuries in time of drought. Their presence reduces the pasture for wildlife, but the Bororo are a pacific people, with little tradition of elephant hunting.

The same cannot be said for the Falata, a horse-riding people from the Sudan. These remarkably brave Arabs have a long tradition of elephant hunting, and will ride hundreds of kilometres to find ivory. They chase the elephants through the bush on horseback, and then stick them in the rear with spears to cut their leg tendons, or shoot them with Kalashnikovs.

The ivory is sold to Arab traders, and finds its way over the border into the Sudan, or south to Bangui. The Falata often carry Kalashnikov rifles, now widely available from the civil wars in Chad and the Sudan; we saw sev-



Magazines from the Kalashnikov automatic rifles and personal effects used by ivory poachers from Sudan in the attack on the president's helicopter (photo by Joan Root — Earthscan)

eral families of elephant corpses which had clearly been gunned down.

Two other groups of outsiders can be found in the CAR's parks. By the rivers, we saw encampments of diamond prospectors, who are said to trade in ivory. And in Bamingui-Bangoran we saw a camp of what we suspect were dissident soldiers from Chad.

A dramatic incident in May guaranteed the personal interest of the CAR's president, General Andre Kolingba, who was flying over the Manovo-Gounda national park. He saw elephant carcasses, and as his two helicopters descended to investigate, they came under automatic rifle fire from a group of ivory poachers.

Kolingba ordered members of his presidential guard to counterattack. The poachers with their Kalashnikovs escaped into the bush, but 200 elephant tusks and some Kalashnikov magazines were captured.

Our census, which I did with Gustave Doungoube and Jean-Marc Froment, with support from FAO/UNDP and World Wildlife, spotted a few large groups of elephants, usually in clearings in the thicker forest, but the more open savannah was studded with corpses and bones.

We calculated that the two parks contained about 4,300 live elephants — and about 7,900 dead ones. Some of the corpses were fresh, others three or four years old. In this period, certainly

half and probably more than three-quarters of the park's elephants were killed: Down from at least 12,000 to barely 4,000 today. Black rhinos, of which the CAR was in 1982 the stronghold in west and central Africa, are down from several hundred to a mere handful.

What should be done? And what, in reality, is likely to happen? We made three main recommendations to President Kolingba, which he has accepted. First, the CAR should immediately ban all trade in raw and worked ivory, all permits for collecting it, and all ivory exports. And the overseas markets for CAR ivory must be closed by international action.

Second, the government should mount an immediate anti-poaching campaign. The onlony well-equipped force available at present is the Central African Presidential Guard, commanded and officered by French personnel, which has the rough-terrain vehicles, helicopters and air-to-ground radio essential for anti-poaching work. Kolingba had already ordered Presidential Guard units into the parks by the time we were there, and they were rounding up some of the poaching gangs we located.

Third, outside funds should be sought to develop the CAR's national parks, which will need a new guard force. The European Community and World Wildlife are already responding, and the U.S.

and France are considering doing so.

We are not calling for protection of wildlife at the expense of people. On the contrary, wildlife represents one of the CAR's most important resources. Around 80 per cent of the meat in local markets seems to be wild game, and the parks have great potential for tourism and controlled big game hunting — even for the careful harvesting of ivory.

But how likely is all this to happen? Under its energetic director Gustave Doungoube, who collaborated in our elephant census, the CAR's parks have an able administrator. After a personal meeting with President Kolingba in Bangui in July, I am convinced of his determination to act, probably by establishing a new national parks service directly responsible to him.

But with three-quarters of its elephants already destroyed, can the CAR's parks ever really recover? On the whole, I am optimistic. My experience of the situation in Uganda after the fall of Amin in 1979, when a similar catastrophic slaughter of elephants occurred, suggests that recovery is not impossible.

If a real partnership can be developed among the CAR authorities, international wildlife experts and foreign donors, with the personal commitment of President Kolingba, wildlife could play a key role in the CAR's future development — Earthscan.



A freshly killed elephant (2-3 days), surrounded by vultures. A recent survey reckoned that two Central African Republic wildlife parks contained 4,300 live elephants — and about 7,900 dead ones (Earthscan photo)

Canadians reflect on their world image

By Robert Riecl
Reuter

TORONTO — A Canadian humour book describes Toronto, the country's largest city, as so boring that its three million residents awake after weekends to exclaim, "thank God it's Monday."

As a whole, Canada is regarded with apathy by the United States and rated scenic but dull by many Europeans and Asians, according to stories and polls in the Canadian media.

Not even the prospect that a major sports event like baseball's world series will be played in Toronto this month has done much to change this image.

"It's going to take hard work to turn around the stereotypes and vague perceptions that the world has of Canada," Tom McMillan, then minister of tourism, said earlier this year in lamenting a decline of visitors.

Canada is stuck with a two billion Canadian dollar (\$1.5 billion) annual tourism deficit which it is trying to reverse by selling the country as a destination that "means much more than moose, mountains and mountains," McMillan added.

Recently, Canada was in the news when Fisheries Minister John Fraser resigned on September 23 after approving the sale of one million cans of sardines over the objections of his inspectors. The tuna was not considered a health risk but the incident provoked an uproar.

But bad news and crises of an international scale are rare, while good news such as a winning big league sports team, or flourishing music, stage and art scenes go largely unnoticed abroad, Canadians complain.

Canadians take their world image with a mixture of amusement and annoyance.

Toronto, which appears to be doing the most these days to help push Canada out of obscurity, was described in a local magazine by Canadian writer Michael Enright last year as "consumed by a burning desire to be loved and respected."

Since the world series of baseball began in 1903, Canada may be directly involved for the first

time through its American League Toronto Blue Jays, formed in 1977 and finally a top contender for the championship event.

Toronto is in the grip of world series fever. The city, proud of its team, plans to build a 150-million-dollar dome stadium in the city centre in time for the 1988 season.

In an article about how Americans have shrugged at the Blue Jays' achievement, columnist Lynda Hurst wrote in the Toronto Star, Canada's largest daily newspaper, last week, "you and I know that Canada is the best kept secret in the world."

"Unfortunately it's a secret that fails to arouse even the vaguest curiosity from our pushy neighbours to the south."

Toronto has become a popular North American film production centre. Hollywood studio crews are arriving in increasing numbers to shoot films in and around the city.

An annual film festival crew hordes of international celebrities and premiere North American showings of so many movies that local media dubbed it a "world class" happening.

Eager also for recognition as a world financial capital, Toronto hosted a meeting of some 2,000 senior international bankers last May in its new convention centre.

Four of Canada's biggest banks have built huge showcase headquarters in a four-block downtown concentration that are joined by extensive underground shopping malls.

Despite high vacancy rates, Toronto is in the midst of a skyscraper construction boom.

With a reputation as North America's cleanest, safest city, it has poor neighbourhoods but no slums and, like most Canadian cities, much less violent crime than comparable U.S. cities.

Violent crime in Canada remains only about one-fifth as high as in the United States, experts say. Nevertheless, a government study three years ago said Canadians "vastly overestimated" their crime problem.

The study blamed this mistaken belief in part on Canadians' constant exposure to the American mass media.

Robert Mitchum: 40 years of stardom

By Ronald Clarke
Reuter

VENTURA, California — Robert Mitchum stares into space after his cigarette smoke. "There's not a great deal to learn about being an actor," he draws.

"If the director says, 'come through a door,' you come through a door. They tell you what to say, which way to move. That's about it."

Mitchum, 68, lapses into silence. He has just been working on what he reckons is about his 150th film. "I think it would be something like that," he adds after a while.

Is the film finished? "God, I hope so," he says.

A Mitchum interview is like a Mitchum film performance: Languid, sceptical and amusing. But Mitchum, after 40 years as a star,

has just completed what he thinks could be a Hollywood first — three generations of the same family in the same film.

The film, "promises to keep," stars Mitchum, his son Christopher Mitchum and 18-year-old grandson, Bentley Mitchum.

Asked what the film, to be seen first on U.S. television, is about, Mitchum looks bored. Christopher, sharing a restaurant table, helps out. "My character is deserted by his father and, 30 years later, the father returns when my character has his own family. The film says you can't live in the present until you have resolved the past."

"And that took 15 script rewrites," the elder Mitchum adds.

Mitchum spent time in the Betty Ford Centre at Palm Springs, California, last year for what his lawyer said was treatment of alcoholism.

Security Council begins debate on Israeli air raid on PLO buildings

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attack and added: "We need to be clear in our opposition to the acts of violence from whatever quarter they come, and without respect to what is the presumed rationale for them."

In Tunis, thousands of demonstrators shouting anti-American slogans surged through the streets Wednesday in protest against President Reagan's apparent approval of the Israeli attack.

Tunisian police were deployed in force to break up the demonstrators near the American embassy and the American library and cultural centre in downtown Tunis. No arrests or injuries were reported.

By nightfall, calm was restored throughout the city.

Anti-American feeling ran high throughout Tunisia following White House spokesman Larry Speakes' statement describing the Israeli raid as an act of "legitimate reprisal."

A PLO spokesman said at least 45 Palestinians and about 20 Tunisians were killed in Tuesday's precision raid by eight Israeli Phantom jets flying 2,400 kilometres from their base.

In neighbouring Libya, the state-owned radio said the Israeli planes were launched from an aircraft carrier of the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. The report was repeatedly denied by the White House, the Pentagon and the State Department.

Tunisia's Prime Minister Moh-

ammad Mzali told Western ambassadors he was determined to crush any attempted acts of violence against Americans or American premises.

But the Tunisian labour federation, the General Union of Tunisian Workers (UGTT), scheduled a mass protest meeting in the capital on Sunday.

President Habib Bourguiba summoned U.S. Ambassador Peter Sebastian to the presidential palace in Carthage to deliver a sharp protest against Speakes' statement. The official Tunisian news agency said Mr. Bourguiba, 82, expressed his "deep regret and great astonishment" at the apparent justification of the raid and expressed his concern at "the role said to have been played by the United States in organising the operation."

Mr. Bourguiba told Mr. Sebastian that "the surprising and negative American attitude to the Israeli aggression was a violation of international law and morality and of the good relations between Tunisia and the United States," the Tunisian agency reported.

Mr. Sebastian told reporters he handed Mr. Bourguiba a letter from Mr. Reagan and gave him "certain explanations" concerning the Israeli aid. He refused to elaborate.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Charles Redman said the message contained President Reagan's condolences to President Bourguiba over Tunisian deaths in Tuesday's

Israeli attack.

In Algiers, U.S. Ambassador Craig Johnston was on Wednesday summoned to the Algerian Foreign Ministry where he was told the Israeli air raid should be unanimously condemned. Algeria's APS news agency reported.

Algeria used to be one of the harshest critics of U.S. foreign policy but Algerian-U.S. relations have greatly improved in recent years. President Chadli Benjedid visited Washington earlier this year.

In the Tunisian beach resort of Hammam Plage, 34 kilometres south of Tunis, rescue workers retrieved severed human limbs from the mass of rubble and continued probing the ruins with bulldozers and other earthmoving machines for bodies feared to be still buried.

Most Tunisian newspapers carried dozens of photographs showing grotesquely dismembered and distorted human bodies dug out of the wreckage Tuesday.

The beachfront villa used as the headquarters command post of Mr. Arafat was totally destroyed with almost no brick left in place. A PLO official on the scene said many members of Mr. Arafat's personal bodyguard were killed in the building.

The official, who refused the use of his name, said the building also contained 17 PLO prisoners held in the basement who, he said, were all killed. He said the prisoners were mostly held for "minor disciplinary mis-

deanours."

The PLO's main military base in Tunisia is located in Oued Zarga, 100 kilometres north of the city, and was not attacked. Tunisian officials said only about 200 fighters are still at the camp of the 1,100 who came here with Mr. Arafat when he withdrew from Beirut in the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

Mr. Arafat was reported to have attended the funeral of some of the raid victims during the day. Palestinian officials said the time and place of the funeral was kept secret for "security reasons," and refused to confirm that it even took place.

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Wednesday that Israel did not plan to kill Mr. Arafat in its air raid, the Israeli army reported.

In fact, Israel had no intention of killing any specific PLO leaders. Rabin was quoted as telling the parliament's key foreign affairs and security committee.

Rabin was quoted as saying that the growing wave of Palestinian attacks against Israeli targets "under Mr. Arafat's direction" left it no choice but to destroy the PLO bases Tuesday.

A PLO spokesman said in Tunis Israel's raid meant the PLO would have to review the whole Middle East peace process over the coming week.

The PLO spokesman, asked if the Israeli air strike had destroyed the peace process, told Reuters: "I think this will have to be decided

at meetings over the next week."

Mr. Arafat, who launched a peace initiative with Feb. 11 Jordanian-Palestinian accord, said in a television interview Tuesday night that the raid would not prevent the PLO from seeking a peaceful solution in the Middle East.

Speaking in a live telecast on state-run Rai television from Tunis, aired late Tuesday night, Mr. Arafat also charged the United States with supporting the air raid.

"My people will respond to this official terrorism and to the Israeli military junta," Mr. Arafat said. "I prefer to let my people respond," he said. "We will continue our long hard march against terrorism and oppression."

Mr. Arafat accused the United States of complicity in the attack, saying, "it was obvious and clear that they were helped by American stations... by American bases, by the American fleet, the Sixth Fleet, by Americans in the Mediterranean Sea."

Mr. Arafat, speaking to reporters in Tunis on Wednesday, made another strong attack on the United States and its position regarding the raid.

He said it was clear from American statements, including the one made by Mr. Reagan, that the attack was "an Israeli-American ambush against me."

Referring to the Feb. 11 accord, Mr. Arafat said the raid "was a clear message from Reagan against the Jordanian-Palestinian ini-

tiative."

But he stressed that the PLO would continue to pursue Middle East peace efforts, while carrying on the armed struggle in Israeli-occupied Arab territories.

Recalling his appearance at the United Nations 11 years ago, when he declared that he held a gun in one hand and an olive branch in the other, Mr. Arafat said: "This still holds true."

Giving details of the Israeli raid, Mr. Arafat, who looked calm and relaxed, said he was very close when the bombs and missiles struck.

He said some Palestinian military officers were killed in the raid, adding that no high-ranking PLO officials were among the victims.

Israeli officials assessing the diplomatic repercussions of the air raid said it would not cause irreparable harm to Middle East peace moves.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry also hit out at condemnation of the Tunis raid by the European Community, saying that the action of the 10 was hasty and unbalanced.

A community statement called Tuesday's attack "a further stage in the continuing violence and counter-violence in the Middle East." (See page 2)

Ezer Weizman, the cabinet minister in charge of handling relations with Egypt, opposed the Tunis raid, making clear he feared it would damage peace moves. Petes held secret consultations

with top ministers to assess the political effects of the Tunis strike.

Government spokesman refused comment on the session, whose proceedings are kept secret by law.

But Foreign Minister Shamir, speaking in an army radio interview from New York, summed up a cabinet consensus that an international outcry prompted by the raid would not have lasting effects.

Encouraged by President Reagan's "understanding response" to the attack, Shamir said, "there is general recognition in the world of the fact that Israel did what is necessary."

Bedleheim Mayor Elias Freij, a leading Palestinian personality in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, described the raid as "a grave political mistake which will have repercussions on the peace process."

The Palestinian leader told Reuters that President Reagan's support for the raid was to be regretted.

Countries from both East and West condemned the Israeli attack with Britain, Greece, Romania and Czechoslovakia joining a chorus of criticism.

A British Foreign Office spokesman said the raid emphasised the need to support Palestinian moderates.

Britain has invited a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to London later this month in an effort to break the deadlock in Middle East peace efforts. Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey

Howe condemned the raid on Tuesday, saying it would make the search for Middle East peace more difficult.

Greece adopted a similar line of criticism with government spokesman Kostas Laliotis calling the raid "an act of state terrorism."

"With this action, Israel not only violated the authority of a friendly and peaceful country and caused a large number of victims, but it undermined efforts for the peaceful settlement of the Palestinian problem," he added.

Turkish Foreign Minister Vahit Haliloglu has cancelled talks with Mr. Shamir because of the Israeli raid, the daily Cumhuriyet said.

Cumhuriyet correspondents at the United Nations meeting in New York said Mr. Haliloglu, who on Tuesday condemned the raid, called off the meeting with Shamir as a further protest.

Romania, the only communist state to have diplomatic relations with Israel, called the raid "a most serious violation of the norms and principles that ought to govern interstate relations."

The Czechoslovak Communist Party newspaper Rude Pravo called the raid "another extremely serious act of international banditism."

Criticism showed no signs of subsiding in the Arab World with the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council saying the attack had destroyed efforts to find a settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The Kuwait government said after a cabinet meeting: "The Zionist enemy must be punished for his criminal act."

In Beirut, Lebanese President Amin Gemayel denounced the Israeli air raid.

Fenerbahce eliminates Bordeaux with 0-0 draw

ISTANBUL (R) — Proving that the bigger they are, they harder they fall, Bordeaux bowed out of the European Soccer Cup Wednesday when outsiders Fenerbahce of Turkey held them to a 0-0 draw to seal a 3-2 aggregate win.

The Turks, looking the dominant side through 90 minutes of tense and exciting soccer, were tight in defence but not afraid to attack.

Bordeaux, European Cup semi-finalists last year, were well organised but missed many chances. Their fate echoed that of English champions Manchester City in 1968, knocked out of the same tournament by Fenerbahce.

From the very first minute the

Turks, seemingly gaining strength daily under new manager Kalman Meszoly from Hungary, had the French side on the run.

Selcuk Yula, who scored Fenerbahce's first in Bordeaux two weeks ago, narrowly missed with an overhead shot in the opening minutes.

Then in the 33rd minute Senol Cortu, who got the Turks' second last time, had the ball in keeper Dominique Drotzy's net only to

see the goal disallowed for a goalmouth foul.

Tension in the 40,000 capacity crowd was reflected on the field and the game was at times scrappy, although the Yugoslav referee kept his yellow card in his pocket.

The Turks weakened a little in the second half and in the 60th minute substitute striker Marc Pascal missed an open goal with a left-foot kick over the bar.

Yula was the home side's star, coming close to scoring several times. In the 73rd minute he sped alone with the ball down the right from the halfway line to the Bordeaux goal, beating three defenders before shooting just wide.

Kasparov evens series with Karpov

MOSCOW (R) — Challenger Garry Kasparov levelled his world chess title rematch with champion Anatoly Karpov at 5½ points each Tuesday with a stunning combination of moves in game 11 which forced Karpov to resign.

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After a slow and unclear start, Kasparov, playing white, fell beh-

ind time on the clock, surprising grandmasters by simplifying the position when they felt he had to press for complications at all costs in order to secure an advantage.

But the soporific effect of an objectively equal contest caused Karpov to lower his guard and Kasparov unearthed a wicked tactical blow, sacrificing his queen.

Karpov's next moves were forced, but after he had time to reflect he saw that he would have to surrender two rooks and a knight for the queen he had been obliged to accept. Judging the price too high, he resigned.

The match is now level at two wins each and seven draws. How-

ever, Karpov retains his title in the event of the limited 24-game series being tied at 12-12, so Kasparov must establish a margin of one victory in the remaining 13 games.

Either player could win the match before 24 games are played by securing six victories in the series.

The next game is scheduled for Thursday, but experts felt Karpov might take a time-out to postpone play to recover from Tuesday's loss.

They said Kasparov had returned to form in the last two games after a disappointing early performance in which he lost twice to the champion.

Field is uncertain for L'Arc De Triomphe

PARIS (R) — The field for Sunday's Prix De L'Arc De Triomphe, Europe's richest horse race, could be reduced to 15 from the present 25 by the time the race starts.

Final plans for the 12-furlong race at Longchamp will not be made until the last moment because of the possibility of a change in the current spell of hot, sunny weather.

The ground at Longchamp was reported in excellent condition Wednesday following watering on Monday, but the weather forecast is more unsettled for the weekend.

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Youth Minister visits Mafraq

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Youth Hisham Al Sharari capped a Tuesday visit to Mafraq Governorate with a JD 5,000 grant for the completion of the Manshiyyet Bani Hassan sport club.

Speaking before a meeting hosted by acting Mafraq Governor Khaled Al Bawaleez, Mr. Sharari outlined ministry policies and trends in its support of youth and sport movements in Jordan. He gave particular emphasis to ministry support for facilities proposed and constructed by sport clubs.

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THE Daily Crossword by Jonathan Barendt

ACROSS

1. Vagrant
5. Of a community
10. Road change
14. Latin abbr.
15. Celestial ox
17. Pile base
18. Sonnet at the rear
20. Letter
21. Boy servant
22. Talked publicly
23. Fair weather
25. Playable projections
26. Jul' alal
28. Bring to mind
32. Goodwill
33. Specified
38. Road display
39. —de-France
40. Ice sheet
41. A joint
42. Acid
44. Poles for walking
45. Sky bear
46. — lunch
47. Sideburn
50. Follow orders
51. Anesthetic
54. Devils
55. Crafts and lever
57. Disinfectant
58. Singer Delta
59. Roll call call
60. Ponce de —
61. Certain votes
62. — beds

DOWN

1. Olympian queen
3. Cornelia —
3. Skimmer
3. Retrograde
4. Sp. chess
5. Beach shelter
6. Picture
7. Moral falling
9. Nickname
10. Eastern religion
11. Burden
12. Softly
13. Church the across
19. Dressed
21. Something regrettable
24. Table of —
25. Goddess of youth
26. Eur. capital
27. Zola
28. Spectra extravagantly
29. Piled up
30. Glossy
31. Lullaby and others
36. Word list
37. NY college
42. Female name
46. Witch!
48. Unpleasant
50. Poems
52. Unseen emanation
53. Appar
56. Washing
58. Unpleasant word
59. Gotcha!

Yesterday's Puzzle Solvers:

1. VAGRANT	10. ROAD CHANGE	19. DRESSED	28. SPECTRA
2. COMMUNITY	11. BURDEN	20. LETTER	29. EXTRAVAGANTLY
3. SKIMMER	12. SOFTLY	21. SOMETHING	30. GLOSSY
4. LATIN	13. CHURCH	22. PUBLICLY	31. LULLABY
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6. DEVILS	15. CELESTIAL	24. TABLE	33. SPECIFIED
7. PICTURE	16. SONNET	25. GODDESS	38. ROAD DISPLAY
8. BEACH SHELTER	17. PILE	26. YOUTH	39. DE-FRANCE
9. MORAL	18. SONNET	27. ZOLA	40. ICE SHEET
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Iraq to protest playing in Damascus

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He gave notice of the formal protest after the International Football Federation (FIFA) decided here that the first leg would

be played either in Saudi Arabia or Kuwait on November 15 and the return match in the Syrian capital on November 29.

Al-Badry said: "We are at war with Iran. Syria supports them, and we have had no diplomatic relations with Syria since 1979. We really have fears for the safety of our players and officials as

Damascus is full of Iranian refugees."

Saudi Arabia wins Palestine Cup

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Juventus romps over Jeunesse

TURIN, Italy (R) — Champions Juventus duly cruised into the second round of the European Cup Wednesday when they demolished Luxembourg's Jeunesse D'Esch 4-1 in a match which had the atmosphere of a schoolboy kickabout.

The star-studded Italians, ordered to play before empty terraces for their fans' part in the European Cup final riots in Brussels last May, barely broke sweat as they romped through 9-1 on aggregate.

Juventus appeared unperturbed by the eerie silence as French international skipper Michel Platini opened the scoring in the 23rd minute.

A goal from Gabriele Pin and

two more from Aldo Serena completed the rout in a 14-minute second half burst before Jean-Luc Guilford scored a consolation goal for the visitors in the 73rd minute.

Juventus also have to play the home leg of their second round tie in an empty stadium.

Jeunesse found themselves under pressure from the start even though Juventus appeared to treat the match with as much urgency as a training session.

After a series of hotly contested attempts by Platini and Serena, the Frenchman finally made the breakthrough when he casually flicked the ball into the back of the Jeunesse net after a lobbed pass from Marco Pacione.

FRIDAY'S RACES AT THE ROYAL RACING CLUB

FIRST RACE 2.30 FOR BEGINNER HORSES DISTANCE 1600 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Hakei Noras El Falez	Waheeb	Owner	Yousef	54
2- Farhan El Falih	Sakoot	Owner	A. Jabir	52.5
3- Sultan Faleel A. Jnab	M. Sultan	Owner	Suliman	52.5
4- Badir Harkan El Balheest	S. Malik	Owner	Sead	52.5
5- Mohammed A. El Hady	M. Mofsed	Owner	Mwafek	52.5
6- Tahmir Hazza El Hadeed	Radih	Owner	Sead	49.5
7- Talib El Newar	Ghezalhi	Owner	Salim	49.5
8- Hamed El Jamany	D. Dafy	Owner		48.5

SECOND RACE 3.00 FOR BEGINNER HORSES DISTANCE 1400 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Fikad Malik	Mansour	Owner	Yousef	54
2- Hameeth Barjes El Hadeed	Ward	Owner	Hwafak	54
3- Hameeth Barjes El Hadeed	Jamir	Owner	Hwafak	54
4- Mousa Mohammad Shlaseh	Malahawh	Owner	Sead	52.5
5- Izzat Kandour	Aslan	Owner	Hakeem	48
6- A. El Sattar Matar	Salf Saad	Owner	Adnan	48
7- Samy Yacoub Medros	Sead	Owner	Adnan	48
8- Ziad Samy Medros	Minkareem	Owner	Adnan	48
9- Ghazy Farah A. Jabir	Arbeed	Owner	Suliman	48
10- Ghalib Haddadin	Raad	Owner	A. Jabir	48
11- Ghalib Haddadin	Binteltiz	Owner	Rida	46.5
12- Nimir El Hmoud	El Hasna	Owner	Mahmoud	46.5
13- Behjet Fanous	Sultanh	Owner		46.5

THIRD RACE 3.30 FOR BEGINNER HORSES DISTANCE 1000 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Samir Khalil Haddadin	Safwan	Owner	A. Jabir	54
2- Ahmed Hilel El Amran	D. Jawafi	Owner	Ibrahim	54
3- Dawesh El Balheest	El Jazeh	Owner	Rashed	52.5
4- Faleel Salim Kalkan	El Sharan	Owner	Rashed	52.5
5- Damin A. El Azees	Khadjah	Owner	Sead	52.5
6- Mousa Mohammad Shlaseh	Khilda	Owner	Yousef	52.5
7- Mohammed A. El Naby	Nashar	Owner	Fawaz	51
8- Mohammed A. El Hady	Assaf	Owner	Suliman	48
9- Shihadth Alwah	Haman	Owner		48
10- Salim A. El Karem	M. Faris	Owner		46.5
11- Tahmir Hazza El Hadeed	Bancon	Owner		46.5
12- Badir Harkan El Balheest	J. Elluban	Owner	Sead	46.5
13- Ziad Abboud Nafie	Inan	Owner		46.5

FOURTH RACE 4.00 FOR BEGINNER HORSES DISTANCE 1000 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Nimir El Hmoud	Shahrazad	Owner	Mahmoud	46.5
2- Nimir El Hmoud	El Khalil	Owner	Mahmoud	46.5
3- Mamdouh El Hadeed	Khattaf	Owner	Ahmad	48
4- Khalil Haddadin	H. Maseen	Owner	Mousa	48
5- Khalil Haddadin	Dwan	Owner	A. Jabir	48
6- Ghalib Haddadin	Sahim	Owner	Rida	48
7- Samy Haddadin	Waheed	Owner	Rida	48
8- Mazin A. El Hadeed	El Karamah	Owner	Yousef	48
9- Faleel Awwad El Falez	Nafith	Owner	Ibrahim	46.5
10- Mihal El Falez	Intisar	Owner		46.5

FIFTH RACE 4.30 FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES DISTANCE 1600 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Mohammed A. El Hady	Nassar	Owner	Ahmad	55
2- Jamal Iyadh El Zabin	Shameh	Owner		51.5
3- Mohammed Khalid El Falez	Sojoud	Owner		51.5
4- Dr. A. El Hadeed A. Wendy	Z. Maseen	Owner	Rashed	49
5- Alashour Faleel A. Jnab	N. El Salt	Owner	Suliman	46
6- A. El Muniam A. Wendy	R. Maseen	Owner		48.5
7- Nalel Mohammed A. El Karem	S. Khalid	Owner		47
8- Mehary El Balheest	Khasar	Owner		46.5
9- Mohammed Maseh	Intisar Kals	Owner	Mwafek	46.5

SIXTH RACE 5.00 FOR SECOND & THIRD CLASS HORSES DISTANCE 1000 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- H.H. Late Sherif Nasir Stable	Sarim	Ibrahim	Ibrahim	59
2- H.H. Late Sherif Nasir Stable	Fardih	Ibrahim	Rashed	58
3- H.H. Late Sherif Nasir Stable	El Hmady	Ibrahim		54.5
4- Badir Harkan El Balheest	H. El Midan	Owner	Sead	56
5- Faleel Awwad El Falez	K. El Molook	Owner		54.5
6- Faleel Awwad El Falez	El Hanool	Owner	Mousa	46.5
7- Samy Yacoub Medros	Sharar	Owner	Adnan	53
8- Izzat Kandour	Halkah	Owner	Naseem	50
9- Salel Ghalib El Falez	El Dahok	Owner	Ahmad	46.5

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NATO allies seek talks on U.S.-Soviet summit

BRUSSELS (R) — Belgium and the Netherlands have demanded a special NATO foreign ministers' meeting in New York to discuss arms control before President Reagan meets Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Geneva next month, a Belgian Foreign Ministry spokesman said Wednesday.

Diplomats said the call reflected dismay among smaller NATO countries at being excluded from the seven-nation meeting of major Western countries which Mr. Reagan has called for Oct. 24.

The Belgian spokesman said Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans called for the meeting in a letter sent Tuesday to U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, the contents of which were agreed with Dutch Foreign Minister Hans Van Den Broek.

He said that while it was useful for Washington to consult Japan, which was invited to the "big seven" meeting, NATO nevertheless remained the proper forum for allied consultation on arms control and East-West relations.

Belgium's permanent representative to NATO was instructed to discuss with NATO Secretary-General Lord Carrington the holding of a ministerial meeting in New York on or around the Oct. 24 date suggested by

Mr. Reagan for the seven-nation meeting.

A NATO spokesman had no immediate comment on the Belgian request.

French President Francois Mitterrand Tuesday night rejected Mr. Reagan's invitation to the New York meeting. The Belgian spokesman said it was not known whether France would attend a NATO foreign ministers' meeting.

NATO diplomats said any ally could request a ministerial meeting but it required the consensus of all to hold such a session.

However, they said it would be extremely difficult for the U.S. to turn down Belgium, which has just deployed American cruise nuclear missiles despite strong public opposition, and the Netherlands, which is on the verge of a decision to do so.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman said Belgium welcomed the fact that the Soviet Union had tabled new arms control proposals

at the Geneva negotiations and hoped they would enable the talks to make progress at last.

"We know the Soviet proposals will be treated on the American side with the necessary open-mindedness and... will be judged on the basis of whether they make an effective contribution to stability and verifiable and controlled reductions of nuclear arms," he said.

The U.S. invitation, announced in Washington, was rejected by France in a short statement from the Elysee Palace.

It said Mr. Mitterrand did not intend travelling to the U.S. on Oct. 24 but was ready to meet Mr. Reagan in the near future on another date to be chosen by mutual agreement.

Mr. Reagan said he wanted to consult leaders of other Western powers before he travels to Geneva to meet Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in November.

Mr. Mitterrand's refusal to attend the summit apparently reflected irritation with the casual way the meeting was announced before he had agreed to take part.

But it also reflected deeper, longstanding concerns about the pattern of the seven-nation summit which the French president has expressed before.

Kohl warns of crackdown on protests

BONN (R) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl Wednesday said West Germany would not be held to ransom by "hate-filled" protesters behind four days of clashes in Frankfurt and other big cities following the death of an anti-Nazi demonstrator on Saturday.

But he rejected police calls for a ban on the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party, whose rally sparked the chain of protest and violence, as an unnecessary restriction.

"In principle, I don't approve of banning parties. The NPD is a group of yesterday's people without political significance, as election results demonstrate," he said.

"I am for a strong state that can guarantee its citizens freedom and safety and defend itself against violent attacks."

"This rising physical violence is alarming. I am especially appalled by the pure hatred that fills some of the faces," Mr. Kohl told the mass-circulation newspaper Bild.

Hundreds of people have been arrested over the past four days in a wave of rioting unleashed by a clash between Frankfurt police and left-wing demonstrators on Saturday in which one man was killed by a police water-cannon truck.

Violence also flared in West Berlin, Hamburg, Stuttgart, Munich and a number of smaller cities.

"Our state will not let itself be held to ransom by such violence. I favour speeding up conviction and punishment of hooligans, as in France, Switzerland and Britain," Mr. Kohl said.

Deep ranks of helmeted, shield-bearing riot police Tuesday prevented a crowd of about 3,000 demonstrators from marching through Frankfurt.

At least eight demonstrators were injured in Frankfurt and five policemen and a law-and-order advocate were hurt in street battles in Stuttgart, where 200 were reported detained.

In Hamburg Wednesday, police said anonymous callers vowing to avenge the death of demonstrator Guenther Sare had made bomb threats against a circus and mail-order store. No explosives were found.

Tutu in U.K. to mobilise opposition to apartheid

LONDON (Agencies) — Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Bishop Desmond Tutu arrived in Britain Wednesday to take part in a church conference and mobilise opposition to South African apartheid.

The South African clergyman will attend a scheduled two-day conference of Anglican bishops which starts in London Thursday.

Tutu is also due to meet Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on Thursday when he is expected to ask her to reverse Britain's refusal to apply economic sanctions against Pretoria.

Meanwhile school boycotts spread Wednesday to Soweto, South Africa's largest black township, a day after mixed-race students in Cape Town stayed away from classes.

Nearly all high schools were deserted and primary schools averaged about 50 per cent attendance as Soweto schools reopened for the final term, said black reporters who toured the township.

Police fired tear gas to scatter a group of students milling outside

Thutlore High School in the Meadowlands district, a reporter said, and police and army riot vehicles patrolled the streets.

Under a state of emergency imposed on July 21 in 36 cities and towns including Soweto, students may not loiter at schools, and formal calls for boycotts are also banned. However, they continue to break out, seemingly spontaneously.

Under the emergency regulations, while reporters have been barred from Soweto and some other protest townships.

A group of students travelling in a van ordered students to leave one high school, Selelelela, in Orlando, a reporter said, and a crowd stoned a bus in Meadowlands.

The South African Press Association said some Soweto neighbourhoods "were gripped with tension as groups of youths gathered around bus stations and school premises, disrupting bus services and preventing pupils from going to school."

New head appointed to U.S. joint chiefs of staff

WASHINGTON (AP) — Admiral William Crowe Jr., a sailor-diplomat with broad experience in the international arena, was sworn in as the United States' highest ranking military officer.

Adm. Crowe, 60, assumed his duties as the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff during a private ceremony at the White House Tuesday. President Ronald Reagan administered the oath of office.

Adm. Crowe later returned to

the Pentagon for a public outdoor ceremony featuring honour guards from each of the services and a 19-gun salute.

During the latter ceremony, Adm. Crowe was lauded by Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger as "one of the best qualified officers ever available for this appointment." Mr. Weinberger then administered the oath a second time.

Adm. Crowe is the first admiral to win the chairmanship since 1974.

Salvage work on vital Air India wreckage to start soon

NEW DELHI (R) — Efforts to salvage vital wreckage from an Air India Jumbo jet which crashed off Ireland in June will start next week, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said Wednesday.

The news agency quoted officials as saying the salvage operation would start on Oct. 8 in a new attempt to discover why the plane fell out of the sky on a flight from Montreal to Delhi, killing all 329 people on board.

PTI said the inquiry, headed by Justice D.N. Kripal, was also trying to establish if the crash were

linked with a bomb blast in luggage from a Canadian plane at Tokyo Airport on the same day. Two Sikh extremist groups were reported to have claimed responsibility for the Air India disaster.

The Boeing 747's four engines and a fifth spare engine were recovered after the crash.

Officials at an inquest last month in the Irish town of Cork into the deaths of 131 bodies recovered said films showed 300 separate pieces of wreckage still lying on the sea-bed.

COLUMNS 7&8

Woman held for killing 12-year-old

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A 12-year-old girl doing her homework was shot and killed by a woman who became enraged over a lost newspaper, police said. Police Lieutenant Paul Ybarra said Regina Taylor, 23, was arrested in connection with the murder of Denise Lashon Hill, who was killed by a shotgun blast in the living room of her grandparent's San Diego home on Monday night. John Robinson, Hill's grandfather and Taylor's stepfather, told police both females lived in his house. All three were in the living room, he said, when Taylor became angry because she couldn't find part of the newspaper. Taylor went into her bedroom, came out with a shotgun and fired at the girl, Robinson told police. Robinson said he took the gun away from Taylor as she was trying to reload it.

Christina Onassis files for divorce

ATHENS (AP) — Shipping heiress Christina Onassis has filed for divorce from her fourth husband, French businessman Thierry Ronssel, sources close to the Onassis family said Tuesday. The sources, speaking on condition they were not identified, said the divorce petition was filed last month in Switzerland, where Ms. Onassis is a resident of St. Moritz. "Our impression is that Christina and Thierry reached a mutual decision to divorce," the sources said. Ms. Onassis, 34, who heads a shipping and real estate empire inherited from her father Aristotle Onassis, married Ronssel, 33, in France in 1984. The couple have an eight-month-old daughter, Athina, who is Ms. Onassis' first child. They came to Greece last August for a vacation on Ms. Onassis' private island of Skorpios off western Greece. On that occasion, Athina was christened in a Greek Orthodox ceremony at the chapel on the island where Onassis and Christina's brother Alexander, killed in a plane crash in 1973, are buried.

Opera star may quit for a year

MEXICO CITY (R) — Opera star Placido Domingo, who lost four relatives in the Mexican earthquake, is considering giving up professional singing for a year, friends said Wednesday. The 41-year-old singer, Spanish-born but raised in Mexico, was not available for comment. Distressed by the loss of his relatives in a collapsed apartment block in the Sept. 19 quake, he has been reluctant to speak to reporters. Domingo lost his cousin Augustin, 24, Augustin's son Julio, 3, the singer's uncle Angel Maria, 61, and his aunt Francisca, 70.

Freak hailstorm kills 10

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — At least 10 people were killed and about 3,500 made homeless when high winds and hailstones the size of tennis balls destroyed a shantytown in south eastern Brazil, a civil defence spokesman has said. He said the freak hailstorm, lasting 15 minutes, hit the town of Itabirinha de Matena in Minas Geras state. "The shacks collapsed because their roofs were not properly protected. The walls did not resist the attack of the hailstones and of the heavy winds and collapsed over people's heads," the spokesman said.

Zimbabwe appeals to save black Rhino

HARARE (AP) — Zimbabwe conservationists have launched an international emergency appeal for money and equipment to save Africa's last viable population of black rhinos. "While the world has been looking at whales and pandas, the rhino has been careening towards extinction in one of the greatest conservation disasters of all time," wildlife expert Dick Pimman said at the inauguration of the rhino survival campaign on Sept. 19.

Labour votes for reimbursing miners; move seen as setback for Kinnock

BOURNEMOUTH, England (R) — British opposition leader Neil Kinnock, fighting to curb party leftists, Wednesday lost a major vote on whether a future Labour Party government should repay fines levied on miners in a year-long coal strike.

His party's annual conference, approved by 3.5 million to 2.9 million votes a resolution from militant miners' leader Arthur Scargill and his union calling for reimbursement.

Mr. Kinnock said Wednesday it would be "utterly dishonest" to pledge that a future Labour government would repay all court fines incurred by the National Union of Mineworkers.

"Even if we said it was going to happen no-one would be convinced in the British public," Mr.

Kinnock said.

In a declaration which his supporters said was long overdue, Mr. Kinnock assailed left-wing militants for threatening Labour's chances at the next election by promoting extremist policies.

The Labour conference session at which Mr. Kinnock delivered his 75-minute speech, almost broke up in turmoil after he accused Marxists in Labour-controlled Liverpool of creating "grotesque chaos" in the north western city.

Veteran left-winger Eric Hoffer, a member of Labour's ruling executive and a Liverpool parliamentarian, walked off the conference platform in protest.

But other parliamentarians said the Kinnock onslaught was well-deserved.

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Chinese students protest against Japanese policies

PEKING (R) — Thousands of Chinese students staged a protest against Tokyo's policies in the central city of Xian, the latest sign of simmering anti-Japanese feeling, eyewitnesses said Wednesday.

They said between 5,000 and 10,000 students from different colleges gathered for five hours on a city square Tuesday.

They made speeches denouncing Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone for visiting a shrine to Japan's war dead, including those who invaded China in the 1930s and 1940s.

Some students demanded that China put restrictions on trade with Japan, to halt what they said was the dumping of inferior Japanese goods on the Chinese market, one witness told Reuters by telephone from Xian.

"Some of the speeches sounded pretty angry, but overall there was a holiday mood," the witness said. Xian, a former imperial capital of China, is about 1,000 kilometres south west of Peking.

The Xian protest follows similar demonstrations in Peking last month when several hundred students paraded on Tiananmen Square with banners attacking Mr. Nakasone and the "second Japanese invasion" — a reference to the flood of Japanese consumer goods entering China in recent years.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry said after the Peking protest that the official visit by Mr. Nakasone to Tokyo's Yasukuni Shrine, at which China says war criminals are worshipped, had seriously hurt Chinese feelings.

The ministry's statement appeared to indicate official sympathy for the ideas behind the student protests, although the government had not organised the demonstrations, foreign diplomats said.

Students at Xian north west polytechnical university were locked on the campus for several hours Tuesday morning by troops refusing to let them join the rally.

He said students had told him the authorities only gave way after the protesters threatened to tear down the gates.

He said the protest, on the 36th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, had been announced on posters written by National Student Union officials.

Apart from the shrine visit, China's official press has also expressed dissatisfaction with Japanese trade policies.

Japan's trade surplus with China climbed to \$2.84 billion in the first half of this year compared with \$1.25 billion for the whole of 1984.

Afghan rebels seek details about killed U.S. journalist

ISLAMABAD (R) — Muslim rebels sent couriers into southern Afghanistan Wednesday to seek more information about an American journalist killed in a rocket attack there last week.

But a spokesman for the group that led the unidentified victim and three other Americans said it could take a week or more before the search party returned to Jettia in western Pakistan.

"It is a long way and dangerous — it is not like getting information in America," said Abdul Jalil, spokesman for the alliance of Muslim clergy, Mujahideen (Islamic warriors) who refugees.

Jettia is only 210 kilometres from Kandahar, the area where the attack took place, but rebels must take long detours around Communist military posts and extensively mined areas.

Two American doctors, a journalist and a photographer from the Arizona Republic newspaper in Phoenix, Arizona, were tra-

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